

Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee August 2021 OH5 Cabinet Report

The Finance and Long-Range Planning (F&P) met on July 24 with 5 voting members and 3 ad-Hoc members present. All other Lions were excused. Below are notes from the Council of Governor's (COG) meeting August 1 regarding F&P topics

- COG approved the 4th quarter financial statements.
- COG agreed to suspend the Quest Grant Committee (per the committee's request) as there is not currently an active grant and more importantly, no Lions have stepped up to sell Quest to schools in Ohio. It is amazing what 2 committed energetic Lions can accomplish! Unfortunately, both Lion Paul Nutter and PDG Charlie Newland have passed away. The existing money will be moved to the Youth Committee as a new line and tracked by the Youth Chair and PDG Sheryl. The goal is to use this money for future workshops; OH6 has been very supportive of Quest and this may provide seed money.
- COG approved the \$50/yr for an SSL certificate to improve the security of ohiolions.org.
- The COG was reluctant to approve 2021-2022 budgets, citing the lack of audits for recent years. This discussion was hectic, and options included paying no bills until the February 2022 COG meeting, continuing the previously approved continuing resolutions for Building and Office Operations, but no other expenditures until February, and not approving the budgets but replacing them with continuing resolutions. After discussion, the COG reluctantly approved the budgets.
- RFPs have been sent to 8-10 (it is getting hard to count) CPA firms. To date, 1 firm has declined, and 2 have indicated interest in submitting an RFP. AMDT Rob will follow up with the outstanding questions.

- An Audit Committee was formed consisting of CC Kerry, MDS Debbie, MDT Jay, DG Chase, DG Kevin, and AMDT Rob.
- There is an interest in having an Ohio Youth Band for the LCIcon in Boston in 2023. Options include a) Ohio State School for the Blind Band, b) a high school band, or c) recruiting youth from across Ohio. A report is planned for November.
- PID Sherer explained that the chances of Ohio electing an International VP candidate in the foreseeable future are tiny. There are privately donated funds being held to support his past efforts in running for 3rd IVP. He proposed spending the funds for 1 Melvin Jones fellow, 1 Jim Coffey fellow, 1 Dick Bryan fellow, and 1 OLPCF pediatric cancer Journey of Hope per district this year and next.
- Winter Retreat co-chairs were confirmed as Lion Julianne Zody and Beth Conley. Marketing and Communication chair was PDG Ric Houser. No chair has been identified for Alert at this time.
- DG Kevin Reidy reported on the status of the PR and membership grants from LCI.
- The Ohio Lions endorsed PID AP Singh for LCI 3rd VP
- Finally, Vice Chair of Campaign 100 PID Jenny Ware gave a very uplifting speech encouraging all Lion leaders to contribute to the final year of Campaign 100. She did an excellent job of motivating Lions and unfortunately, I cannot even come close to explaining to Lions that did not get to hear her.

Yours in Service,

Lion PDG Dave Luttrell

MD13 Finance and Long-Range Planning Chair and OH5 representative